





## FROM MR. FULLER'S DISTRICT.

We publish the proceedings of a meeting in Mr. Fuller's district, showing the judgment pronounced on his conduct by a portion of his constituents. One or two resolutions were voted, to save room.

MILLYVILLE, COLUMBIA CO., PA.,  
February 14, 1856.

At a public meeting at Greenwood Seminary, February 11th, called for the purpose of giving expression to public sentiment, James Masters, Esq., in the chair, and John Starr, Secretary, the following resolutions were presented by William Burgess, and, after being discussed at length by Dr. P. John, the mover, and others, were adopted by the general voice of the meeting, with but one dissenting vote.

We, the Legislature, praying for the passage of a law to permit slaveholders to carry their slaves across the State, or transiently sojourn therein, having been referred to the Judiciary Committee, which being divided in opinion, presented two reports on the same:

Resolved, That, while we disavow our sympathy with the object of the petition, it is with regret we learn that the majority report was written by the Representative of this district, (J. G. Montgomery,) inasmuch as we consider the position assumed, untenable in point of fact, a startling innovation upon State authority, entirely at variance with the state of 1847, with all previous judicial decisions of our State, and at war with the sacred principles of Liberty and Justice.

Resolved, That, neither in the Constitution of the United States, nor in the law of nations, do we find any positive recognition of the right of property in human beings; but that Slavery is a creation of State law, entirely local in its character, and restricted in its jurisdiction.

Resolved, That the clause in the Constitution of the United States, respecting the rendition of fugitives, imposes no obligation on any citizen to assist in their capture; and that the law of 1850, commonly known as "The Fugitive Slave Law" by its unwaranted assumptions, its unjust demands, its fines and penalties, and penalties, will be by its restriction upon the rights of all citizens, is a most gross usurpation of constitutional prerogative, disgrace to our national character, and should be immediately repealed.

Resolved, That the course of our Representative in Congress, the Hon. H. M. Fuller, in the recent protracted contest for Speaker of the House, in holding his sails for the Southern breeze, has painfully disappointed the expectations of his Anti-Nebraska constituents, lost the confidence of many who had been his warm friends and steady supporters, &c., &c.

Resolved, That we had the election of N. P. Banks of Ohio, in this peculiar crisis, as indicating a general relapse, and a departure of the progress of true Republican principles; and we tender our warmest thanks to the sixteen members from Pennsylvania, who maintained their cause to its final triumph, with unwavering firmness.

A friend has favored us with an editorial from the *Herald and Advocate*, of the 2d February, printed at Swanton, Pa., in Mr. Fuller's district, a thoroughgoing Know Nothing paper. It sustained Mr. Fuller in his opposition to Mr. Banks, in allowing himself to be run as the candidate of the National Know Nothings, in avowing his purpose even not to insist on a restoration of the Missouri Compromise: but his vote, recorded in the negative on the resolution of Mr. Meacham, that the repeal of the Compromise was useless and mischievous legislation, it could not stomach.

"We have heard him," it says, "use as strong expressions of hatred to the principles of that act as could possibly be framed. Whatever he may be at Washington, the fact is *undeniable*, that at home he is uncompromisingly opposed to the Nebraska bill, and *outrages* his election, in a great measure, to his known sentiments on that question.

In sustaining Mr. Fuller, as we have hitherto done, we have not sought to disguise this fact. Until his recent vote, by which he puts himself upon the record as affirming the principles of the Nebraska bill, we have seen nothing to condemn. We can say this no longer. If there is any man in words, he has placed himself in an antagonistic position to the friends of his hitherto conduct on this question. He now *denies* that the repeal of the Missouri Compromise was an example of useless and factious agitation—unwise, and unjust to the American people." In doing that he endangers himself among the enemies of conservatism, and forfeits the confidence of his constituents. How Mr. Fuller can thus deny his former allegations of opposition to the Nebraska bill—made at home, and at Washington in the early part of the session—is to us inexplicable. The resolution against which he voted is plain and directly to the point. To avoid misrepresentation, we copy his words, as far as we are able, from Mr. Meacham of Vermont:

"Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the repeal of the Missouri Compromise of 1820, prohibiting Slavery north of latitude 36° 30', was an example of useless and factious agitation of the Slavery question—unwise, and unjust to the American people."

To this plain and simple statement of a principle, Mr. Fuller adds an *epoché* No. 1. The Nebraska bill is, then, in his opinion, 'an example of useful and wise legislation.' How does this differ from his speeches during the election canvas, when he could say hardly enough to express his detestation of this 'wise and useful legislation'? We well remember his emphatic and eloquent remonstrances of the Nebraska 'honesty,' and his uncompromising opposition to that *so-called* bill. But what a change! 'How are the mighty fallen!' He now deliberately, and in the face of the whole nation, sustains his former sayings, and arrays himself on the side of Douglas and his coadjutors. His name appears in the same catalogue with Richardson, Glancy Jones, H. B. Wright, and others, who have from the first supported this measure, and looked upon its success with the intensest interest and delight. We shall leave him alone, to sound the lowest depth of the degradation to which he has voluntarily submitted himself."

## AMERICAN SEAMEN.

The following statistics have just been communicated to Congress by the Secretary of State:

*American Seamen Registered in the United States, from October 1, 1854, to October 1, 1855.*

Maine . . . . . 1,328 Virginia . . . . . 524  
New Hampshire . . . . . 69 North Carolina . . . . . 27  
Massachusetts . . . . . 4,622 Georgia . . . . . 275  
Rhode Island . . . . . 284 Florida . . . . . 32  
New York . . . . . 518 Louisiana . . . . . 575  
Pennsylvania . . . . . 733 Maryland . . . . . 290 Total . . . . . 9,555

*American Seamen Registered in the United States during the last sixteen years, namely, from October 1, 1839, to October 1, 1855.*

Year ended September 30, 1854 . . . . . 8,901  
Do. do. 1841 . . . . . 9,163  
Do. do. 1842 . . . . . 7,398  
Do. do. 1843 . . . . . 5,176  
Do. do. 1844 . . . . . 8,667  
Do. do. 1845 . . . . . 8,579  
Do. do. 1846 . . . . . 8,123  
Do. do. 1847 . . . . . 6,989  
Do. do. 1848 . . . . . 5,251  
Do. do. 1849 . . . . . 10,084  
Do. do. 1850 . . . . . 9,181  
Do. do. 1851 . . . . . 8,736  
Do. do. 1852 . . . . . 10,149  
Do. do. 1853 . . . . . 9,263  
Do. do. 1854 . . . . . 8,918  
Do. do. 1855 . . . . . 9,655

*TAXABLE PROPERTY IN RHODE ISLAND.*—In the Rhode Island Legislature a committee reported that the whole value of the property of the State upon which the tax of this year is to be levied is \$11,000,000. Adding one-half to the value of the property of the State which are not included in this amount, the real value of the property of the State is above \$11,800,000. This is an increase from the valuation of \$1,340,655, when the last estimate was made, of \$4,340,655. The tax to be levied is five cents upon \$100, which will produce the sum of \$55,000, being an increase of more than \$35,000 over last year.

*WHICH NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.*—Concord, Feb. 15.—The straight out Whigs of New Hampshire have nominated Ichabod Goodwin as their Whig candidate for Governor.

## THIRTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

## First Session.

Wednesday, February 13, 1856.

SENATE.

Mr. Sumner presented resolutions of the State of Massachusetts concerning the Fugitive Slave Act, setting forth the opinion of his State that no power given to the General Government for the enforcement of any law of Congress for the recovery of fugitive slaves, the Fugitive Slave Act is a direct violation of the tenth article of amendments to the Constitution of the United States; and that their Representatives in Congress should use all honorable means to secure the unconditional repeal of the same, as hostile alike to the provisions of the National Constitution and the dictates of the Christian religion, in infraction equally of the supreme law of the land and of the "higher law" of God in consequence therewith.

Also, joint resolutions from the same, in relation to the Territory of Kansas, calling on the President of the United States to take instant and effectual measures for sustaining in Kansas the sovereignty of the people against the violence and incursions of mobs from Missouri.

Also, from the same, concerning the French spoliations, declaring that the refusal of the United States to indemnify the parties rightfully interested in them is a disgraceful repudiation of just obligations, and should receive the earnest protest of the people of each State anxious to preserve untrammelled the national honor, and to maintain unshamed the national credit.

Also, from the same, resolves relating to duties on foreign coal, and for the repeal of all laws requiring duties on foreign coal.

Also, from the same, a memorial were voted to be printed and laid on the table, with the exception of that relating to coal; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Sumner.

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be directed to consider the expediency of abolishing by law the exaction of twenty cents from the monthly wages of seamen in the merchant service of the United States, and of bostmen on the Western waters, constituting what is called hospital money, so that when sick or disabled they may enjoy their present privilege at the marine hospital without the present tax.

On motion by Mr. Sumner.

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be directed to consider the expediency of providing for the convenience and security of remittances abroad in small sums, by authorizing orders or drafts from our Post Office on foreign Post Offices with which it is in correspondence, constituting a system of international post office orders.

Mr. Brown gave notice that he would introduce a bill to provide a library for the young men of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Mason introduced the following joint resolution, and asked its passage without the formality of a reference.

Resolved, *do.*, That the vacancies in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution be filled by the members of Congress occasioned by the resignation of Rufus Choate, and the death of John McPherson Berrien, as hereinbefore stated, respectively.

On *Revised and Unfinished Business.*—A. Sahin, V. C. E. Kuykendall, Ms., H. Warner, G.; B. Clark, N. Y.; E. F. Shorthal, Tenn.; J. S. Merrill, Vt.; J. Perry, Me.

On *Revoluntary Pensions.*—J. Broome, Pa.; C. J. Albright, Ohio; H. A. Edmundson, Va.; N. C.; C. L. Knapp, Mass.; J. Woodruff, Ct.; G. R. Robbins, N. H.

On *On Piratical Passions.*—A. Oliver, N. Y.; J. P. Brooks, N. H.; J. C. Florence, Pa.; A. J. Hayes, Tenn.; W. W. Welch, Ct.; A. G. Talbot, K. S.; D. S. Dickson, N. Y.; J. H. Lumpkin, Ga.; G. R. Robbins, N. H.

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